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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 20, 2003

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002, a petition for a one month extension of time being attached hereto, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments without prejudice.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend Claim 1 as indicated below. Attached is a marked-up copy showing changes to the claim.

1. A thermoplastic composite panel consisting essentially of a base transparent thermoplastic layer, conducting the light, having a thickness in the range 3-40 mm and a diffusing light layer, having a thickness in the range 10-1500 micron, placed on one or both surfaces of the base layer, said diffusing layer constituted by

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